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SUBJECT: IMPORTATION OF SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION

TREASURY FOR BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND DEPT. OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO,
AND FIREARMS

1. EMBASSY'S MILGP HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE NAVY SECTION OF
THE GUARDIA NACIONAL (GN), REPUBLIC OF PANAMA, FOR ASSISTANCE IN
OBTAINING PERMISSION TO IMPORT SMALL ARMS INTO THE UNITED STATES FOR
THE PURPOSE OF PLACING CREW MEMBER WEAPONS ABOARD THE GUARDIA NACIONA
L
NAVAL SHIP GN-9, NOW UNDERGOING CONVERSION IN THE ANDY INTERNATIONAL
SHIPYARD AT BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS.

2. THE VESSEL IS THE FORMER US NAVY LSM-R-531, AND IS NOW BEING
CONVERTED TO A LSM TYPE VESSEL. ALL WEAPONS AND ASSOCIATED SYSTEMS
HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE VESSEL. UPON COMPLETION OF VESSEL'S
CONVERSION, IT WILL BE SAILED TO PN BY GUARDIA NACIONAL CREW WHO
WILL NEED SMALL ARMS FOR SECURITY ON RETURN SHIP.

3. SMALL ARMS WILL BE STORED ABOARD THE GN-9 IN A SECURE ARMORY
WHILE THE VESSEL IS LOCATED IN U.S. PORTS.

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4. IT IS PRESENTLY ANTICIPATED THAT THE WEAPONS WILL BE AIR TRANS-

PORTED FROM PANAMA TO BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS VIA GOP OR COMMERCIAL AIR, AND THEN BY TRUCK TO THE VESSEL ON OR ABOUT 6 JUNE 1975, ASSUMING PERMISSION IS GRANTED FOR IMPORT OF WEAPONS.

5. WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION ARE AS FOLLOWS: EIGHT BROWNING 8MM AUTOMATIC PISTOLS, SIX M-1 CARBINE RIFLES, 800 ROUNDS 8MM AMMUNITION AND 500 ROUNDS 30 CALIBER AMMUNITION.

6. IT IS PRESENTLY ANTICIPATED THAT GN-9 WILL DEPART BROWNSVILLE, TX DURING THE WEEK OF 15 JUNE 1975 ENROUTE TO TRACOR SHIPYARD, PORT EVERGLADES, FLORIDA FOR DRYDOCKING; DEPARTING PORT EVERGLADES FOR REPUBLIC OF PANAMA ON OR ABOUT 23 JUNE 1975.

7. EMBASSY POINT OF CONTACT WILL BE LT EDWARD BARNHART, USN, CHIEF NAVY SECTION USMILGP PN, WHO WILL ACCOMPANY GN CREW TO US AND WHO WILL ACT IN CAPACITY OF LIAISON/ESCORT OFFICER FOR NAVAL PERSONNEL OF THE GUARDIA NACIONAL DURING THE VESSEL'S TRANSIT. PHONE NUMBERS AND TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS FOR LT BARNHART ARE: PANAMA 25-3600/USMILGP/US EMBASSY/.

8. REQUEST DEPARTMENT SECURE NECESSARY PERMISSION FOR IMPORT OF SMALL ARMS.

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